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**DEFENDANTS SENTENCED FOR CONSPIRING TO IMPORT AND IMPORTING
COCAINE INTO THE UNITED STATES FROM HAITI**

Orlando, Florida – Friday, September 7, 2001, United States District Judge Patricia C. Fawsett sentenced KENG SAINTIL, also known as Nicolas Joseph, age 45, a citizen of Haiti residing in Coral Springs, Florida; LENOS DOREE, age 53, and JOSEPH LYNDOR, age 31, both citizens of Haiti, residing in Miami, Florida, for their role in the importation of approximately 18 kilograms of cocaine from Haiti to Port Canaveral, Florida.

The Court sentenced defendant KENG SAINTIL to ten years, seven months imprisonment to be followed by five years supervised release. Defendant LENOS DOREE was sentenced to six years, five months imprisonment and five years of supervised release. The Court sentenced JOSEPH LYNDOR to four years, nine months imprisonment and five years supervised release.

The defendants were charged along with two other Haitian nationals for their role in a conspiracy to smuggle cocaine into the United States by concealing the drug in the hull of an ocean-going motor vessel. The cocaine seized in this investigation represented a "test voyage" to determine if the vessel could avoid the United States Customs Service and was conducted in anticipation of importing substantially larger shipments of cocaine from Haiti.

This case was investigated by special agents of the United States Customs Service and was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Paul G. Byron of the Orlando Division of the United States Attorney's Office

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